and other tourism related projects like Golf Courses, amusement parks, recreational activities and adventure sports activities in Rajasthan under the Tourism Infrastructure under the "Equity Scheme" of the Central Department of Tourism;

(b) if so, whether any survey for identification of suitable places has been done so far under the above scheme;

(c) what amount has been spent since 17th August, 1992 the date from which this scheme came into force by TFCI and other financial institutions; and

(d) what are the details of present pattern of funding in respect of State of Rajasthan during the year 1993-94?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No proposal has been received from the Government of Rajasthan or Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation for central financial assistance under the equity support scheme of the Central Department of Tourism from the date of introduction of this scheme till date.

(d) Under the normal funding pattern of the centre, the financial assistance is extended for creation of super-structure to augment tourist facilities which include civil work, internal electrification, internal water supply and sanitary fittings, etc.

Recovery of arms in Bombay

*212. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1679 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports published in the weekend Observer of April 3, 1993 and Times of India of April, 14, 1993 about the recovery of huge quantities of smuggled explosives in Mumbra near Kalyan, Nagala Bunder near Bombay and Salya in Jamnagar district and Raigad coastline;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the manner in which these arms and explosives were smuggled into the country;

(d) whether Government had received any reports from its Customs Intelligence Services;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter; and

(g) what effective steps have been taken by the Customs and other Intelligence Services to check smuggling of arms and explosives into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHER MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the details provided by the Bombay Police 1071.5 Kgs. of RDX explosive and 274 kgs. of geletine explosive, have been recovered.

(c) As per the report of Bombay Police, arms and explosives were smuggled through village of Shekhadi and Dighe in the Maharashtra Coast near Shrivardan.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had alerted the preventive formations on likely landing of consignments of arms and ammunition on the West Coast.

(f) and (g) Customs and other intelligence Services, both of Central and State Governments concerned have

been alerted to enforce internal surveillance in a fully integrated manner to counter smuggling.

Selling of property by HHEC in Paris

*213. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Handicrafts nad Handloom Export Corporation had lease rights to a prime property in Paris for its use;

(b) if so, what is the status of that property;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this prime property over which HHEC had leased rights was sold for less than the price that was available;

(d) If so, what are the details of this transaction giving figures and dates;

(e) whether any vigilance enquiry was conducted against the top officials of HHEC concerned for this act of malfeasance; and

(f) If so, what action was taken after the report of the enquiry was submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The leasehold rights held by the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation in the Sona Paris shop were sold.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The lease-hold rights were sold for French Franc 5.1 million to M/s. J.A.S. Ventilo, S.A.R.L. Paris, with the approval of Board of Directors. The payment was received in full and premises were handed over to the party on 10th August, 1992.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Sectoral loans from world bank

*214. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India propose to seek three new sectoral loans from the World Bank;

(b) if so, what are the amounts of loans to be sought; and

(c) what are the developmental activities likely to be linked to the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) In order to meet the financing gap in our balance of payments, exceptional financing will be required from multilateral institutions like World Bank, IMF and ADB as also bilateral donors. In this context, discussions are being held with the World Bank for two or three sectoral loans. These loans are likely to cover the trade and investment activities, financial sector and the hydrocarbon sector. The details of amounts involved will be known after negotiations.

Treating of extra departmental agents as class IV employees in postal departments

*215. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to treat Extra Departmental Agents in Postal Department as class IV employees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI